EXHIBIT 7

United States District Court Central District Of California

GINA BALASANYAN, an individual, and NUNE NALBANDIAN, an Individual on behalf of themselves an all others similarly situated,

Case No.:

CV-11-05689-DDD-(JCGx)

Plaintiffs,

VS.

NORDSTROM, INC., a Washington corporation; DOES 1-100, inclusive,

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Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF MATTHEW BODAKEN

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| 5 | Angeles, commencing at 2:05 p.m., Friday, November 18, | 5 | |
| 6 | 2011, at 6310 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, | 6 | EXAMINATION |
| 7 | California. | 7 | BY MS. SHAMTOUB: |
| 8 | * * * | 8 | Q. Good afternoon. |
| 9 | APPEARANCES: | 9 | A. Hello. |
| 10 | EOD THE DI ADITITES CINA DAI ACANIVANI AND MUNIC | 10 | Q. Can you please state your full name for the |
| 11 | FOR THE PLAINTIFFS GINA BALASANYAN AND NUNE NALBANDIAN: | 11 | record. |
| 12 | SCHWARCZ, RIMBERG, BOYD & RADER, LLP BY: SHERLI SHAMTOUB, ESQ. 6310 San Vicente Boulevard | 12 | A. Matthew Bodaken. |
| 13 | 6310 San Vicente Boulevard | 13 | Q. And Mr. Bodaken, can you please provide your |
| 14 | Suite 360 Los Angeles, California 90048 (323) 302-9488 x 209 sshamtoub@srbr-law.com | 14 | address and telephone number of the Nordstrom store |
| 15 | sshamtoub@srbr-law.com | 15 | that you work at. |
| 16 | | 16 | A. Sure. My home address is 1132 Beach Street, |
| 17 | FOR THE DEFENDANTS NORDSTROM, INC.: | 17 | and that's in South Pasadena, and the phone number at |
| 18 | LAW OFFICES OF LITTLER, MENDELSON BY: LARA K. STRAUSS, ESQ. 501 West Broadway Suite 900 | 18 | Nordstrom is (818) 502-9922. |
| 19 | Suite 900 | 19 | Q. And Mr. Bodaken, have you testified in a |
| 20 | San Diego, California 92101-3577 (619) 232-0441 | 20 | deposition before? |
| 21 | ALSO PRESENT: | 21 | A. I have not, no. |
| 22 | Sonseraye Anderson | 22 | Q. Okay. So before we begin with the question- |
| 23 | APPEARING TELEPHONICALLY: | 23 | and-answer series, which is essentially what the |
| 24 | ROSA FRUEHLING-WATSON, ESQ. | 24 | |
| 25 | | 25 | admonitions. |
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| 1 | INDEX | 1 | Basically, it sets forth the groundwork for |
| 2 | Evamination | 2 | what takes place in the deposition, and there's certain |
| 3 | Examination Page By Ms. Shamtoub 4 | 3 | questions involved in that as well; okay? |
| 4 | | 4 | A. Okay. |
| 5 | PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBITS | 5 | Q. First off, I'd like to remind you that you are |
| 6 | 1 - A Document With "Nordstrom" At The Top 47 | 6 | under oath. So anything you say here today carries the |
| 7 | 1 - A Document With "Nordstrom" At The Top 47 And Columns With "September" And "Date" In The Top Left-hand Corner, 5 Pages | 7 | same force and effect as if you were in a courtroom. |
| 8 | | 8 | Do you understand that? |
| 9 | | 9 | A. I do. |
| 10 | QUESTIONS WITNESS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ANSWER | 10 | Q. Please answer all the questions to the best of |
| 11 | Page Line | 11 | your ability. So that means no guessing. I am |
| 12 | (None.) | 12 | entitled to ask you follow-up questions. |
| 13 | | 13 | And if I ask you a question and your memory is |
| 14 | INTECOMATION DEGLESTED | 14 | somehow jogged, then I'm entitled to any any |
| 15 | INFORMATION REQUESTED | 15 | response that you have |
| 16 | Page Line | 16 | A. Okay. |
| 17 | (None.) | 17 | Q from that point; okay? |
| 18 | | 18 | A. Sure. |
| 19 | | 19 | Q. Also, please remember that don't answer |
| 20 | | 20 | anything with hand or head gestures. |
| 21 | | 21 | A. Okay. |
| 22 | | 22 | Q. Provide verbal responses. I mean you can, |
| 23 | | 23 | certainly, shake your head and provide hand gestures, |
| 24 | | 24 | but it's quite difficult for the court reporter to |
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| 1 | A. I understand. | 1 | sort of immediate attention. |
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| 2 | Q. So please, follow-up with a verbal response; | 2 | So it we would write it up at that point or |
| 3 | okay? | 3 | sometime near the point of occurrence to have a |
| 4 | A. Yes. | 4 | discussion with human resources to try to make sure the |
| 5 | Q. And I'll do the same. I tend to do hand | 5 | behavior is or actions are following with what we |
| 6 | gestures quite a bit. So I'll refrain as well. So it | 6 | would consider normal Nordstrom business. |
| 7 | goes both ways. | 7 | Q. And how many opportunity checks did you |
| 8 | If you don't remember some things, please, | 8 | recall |
| 9 | just simply state that you don't remember. | 9 | A. As I recall |
| 10 | A. Okay. | 10 | Q where |
| 11 | Q. Again, we don't want you to guess. We want | 11 | A excuse me. There were three during the |
| 12 | your testimony to be to the best of your recollection. | 12 | course of the time that I looked at, during the course |
| 13 | A. Okay. | 13 | of the time that Nune's been working here. |
| 14 | Q. I may ask you to provide me with some | 14 | Q. And what is this course of time? How long has |
| 15 | estimates. | 15 | Nune been working? |
| 16 | And do you know the difference between an | 16 | A. Nune started in 2004, I believe, and is still |
| 17 | estimate and a guess? | 17 | employed. So until now, 2011, still, currently, |
| 18 | A. Yes. I believe I do. | 18 | employed. So from 2004 until currently. |
| 19 | Q. Just to clarify, an estimate, essentially, | 19 | Q. I got a bit sidetracked. So let's just get |
| 20 | would be if I asked you to give me the length and width | 20 | back to another point that I wanted to make to you |
| 21 | of this table in front of you, you can give me that | 21 | that, during the course of this deposition, the court |
| | • • • | 22 | reporter will be recording everything that we're |
| 22 | because you're looking at it. | | - , - |
| 23 | If I were to ask you to give me the length and | 23 | saying. |
| 24 | width of the table in the conference room adjacent from | 24 | Following the conclusion of the deposition, |
| 25 | your office, you wouldn't be able to do so because you | 25 | , |
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| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 | Do you understand? A. I do. Q. Okay. And as a courtesy to the court reporter, please refrain from answering any question until I, actually, finish my question; okay? A. Okay. Q. And have you taken any medications today that might impair your ability to testify? A. No, I have not. Q. Have you spoken to anyone today aside from Nordstrom's attorney concerning this deposition? A. No. Q. And have you reviewed any documents prior to this deposition? A. I have. Q. Okay. What documents have you reviewed? A. I went back through the annual performance reviews and opportunity checks that I've had with Nune. Q. What are opportunity checks? A. Opportunity checks are when incidents occur during the course of a year that require a discussion with our human resources department. And it's not | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 | deposition — but at that point, you'll have an opportunity to review the transcript and make any correction to your responses; okay? A. Okay. I understand. Q. Keep in mind that any response — any corrections that you make can then be commented on at a later point throughout this litigation. A. I understand. Q. So keeping that in mind, it's quite important then, to provide the best responses that you can provide. Otherwise, it could, potentially, affect your credibility. A. I will try. Q. Mr. Bodaken, can you please state the title of your current position? A. I am the sales — retail sales manager for the men's clothing department at the Glendale store. Q. And Mr. Bodaken, how long have you held this position? A. I've been in this particular position since July of 2002. Q. Now, the purpose of this deposition is, essentially, about Nordstrom's Dispute Resolution |

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1 A. Okay. Dispute Resolution Program?") 2 Q. Were you aware that Nordstrom rolled out a new 2 MS. STRAUSS: Thank you. Sorry. 3 3 Dispute Resolution Program in June 2011? You can go ahead. 4 THE WITNESS: In the manager's meeting, I A. Yes. 5 Q. And how were you informed of the 2011 5 believe, it would have been, probably, maybe five 6 roll-out? minutes, not much -- not much more than that. 7 A. The initial --Maybe up to ten, only in that it was discussed 8 MS. STRAUSS: June 2011? briefly, and then we all needed to sign it and turn it in before the end of the meeting. MS. SHAMTOUB: Yes. I'm sorry. BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 10 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 11 11 Q. The June 2011 roll-out. Q. What did you need to sign? A. The initial source of information for me was a 12 A. Just an acknowledgement that we had received 13 mailer that I received from our -- I believe from our that information. corporate offices. 14 Q. That you had received the training or that you 15 15 Q. Did you receive any information about the had received the Dispute Resolution Program? 16 June 2011 roll-out from Nordstrom's HR department? 16 A. Received the sheet that listed the information 17 A. From the store information -- human -- excuse on there just -- so I guess it would be the program. 18 me -- store human relations department? No. That was 18 It's at least our -- my understanding of the program, 19 19 just a mailer from the corporate offices. yes. 20 Q. Were you asked to provide an Acknowledgement 20 Q. Were there any employees present at this 21 of Receipt for the June 2011 roll-out? 22 22 A. Not that I recall. A. Just other department managers or assistant 23 23 Q. Are you aware if Nordstrom rolled out another managers. 24 Dispute Resolution Program or another set of changes to 24 Q. I'm sorry. By "employees," I meant 25 the Dispute Resolution Program sometime in August 2011? nonmanagerial employees. Page 10 Page 12 1 A. Yes. That was -- I believe it was the last A. None that I recall, no. week of August because it's right before I was going on Q. And do you recall if you received any vacation. I remember that. documents reflecting the specific changes made to the Dispute Resolution Program by way of the August 2011 4 O. I love vacations. update? 5 5 Don't we all? б 6 A. We all look forward to it. Yeah, absolutely. A. No. 7 7 Q. Now, when were you first informed of the MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Vague. August 2011 Dispute Resolution Program? 8 You mean as opposed to the Dispute Resolution 9 A. In a manager's meeting. It would have been on Program? 10 a Monday. That last Monday of August. MS. SHAMTOUB: Yes. 11 11 Q. Was this meeting specific to the roll-out of MS. STRAUSS: Okay. You can go ahead and 12 12 the Dispute Resolution Program? answer. 13 13 A. No. It was our general manager's meeting with THE WITNESS: No. I don't recall any 14 our store manager where it was a variety of topics. difference. 14 15 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 15 That was one of the topics our human resource manager 16 discussed, but it's -- was a -- it was a small percent 16 Q. And what were you instructed was your role as 17 17 of the time spent in that manager's meeting. to the roll-out of the 2011 Dispute Resolution Program? 18 Q. How much time do you think was spent on the 18 A. To take the sheets -- they gave us one for 19 roll-out of the June 2011 Dispute Resolution Program? each of my crew -- members of my crew -- and to ask 20 MS. STRAUSS: I'm sorry. Objection. Can you 20 them to read it and then to sign it and return it to 21 our human resources department. 21 repeat the question. 22 (The record was read by the Court 22 Q. So was one of your roles to make sure 23 Reporter as follows: everybody in your department signed the Acknowledgement 24 "Q. How much time do you think was 24 of Receipt of the Dispute Resolution Program? 25 25 spent on the roll-out of the June 2011 A. Yes. Page 11 Page 13

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- Q. And once an employee in your department signed 2 the Acknowledgement, were you then required to turn that -- I'm sorry.
- Once the employee in your department signed the Acknowledgement, were they required to turn that over to you?
- A. If -- if I was working with them, yes, I asked 8 them to give it, and I would turn it back into human resources for them, yes.
- 10 Q. And how many employees do you have in your 11 department?
 - A. Four people that I supervise.

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- Q. And when did you -- how long after the 14 meeting, the manager meeting that you had, when you first learned of the August 2011 Dispute Resolution 16 Program change, did you then turn -- submit those 17 documents over to the employees in your department?
- A. Depended on when those employees were working. 19 So if -- if they were off some of the time, it was gonna -- I was gonna have to hold it until the next 21 time they would be in the store, in the department 22 working.
- Q. So you tried to get it to them the first time, 24 but they came back after you first learned of the 25 program?

Q. Did you return -- so mid-September were you

3 A. I got back to work on, I believe, it was

September 13th. It would have been that -- the -- the

week after Labor Day, the Monday after Labor Day. It was either that Monday or that Tuesdays, If I recall.

Q. And upon your return from your vacation time, did HR contact you regarding the outstanding

9 Acknowledgement?

A. Yes. Yes.

Q. And what did they say to you?

12 A. We still had to work on -- because Nune was 13 still on a medical leave, so she hadn't yet returned. So we still had to work to try to make sure that she 15 got hers signed and then turned back in.

O. Was anybody else outstanding?

17 A. I had -- the one person that was on vacation 18 had taken care of it during the course of my vacation, 19 and so it was just Nune's left to do, that I recall.

20 Q. And what do you mean by "work on"?

21 A. If -- If I recall -- I'm trying to -- "work 22 on," I guess, refers to either -- because Nune and my

23 schedule were opposite during the course of that week when I returned, so she was gonna be working on two or

three days that I would not be present. And then I was

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A. Yes. Yes.

- Q. And how long did it take for them to return the signed Acknowledgement to you?
- A. I -- I had one person -- I had two people -- I 5 had one person out on vacation. Nune was on a medical 6 leave at the time, and two other individuals, the days 7 they worked, they both signed it and turned it back in.
- Q. Prior to getting the signed Acknowledgement back from your employees, did HR follow up with you 10 regarding retrieval of the signed Acknowledgement?
- 11 A. I, actually, notified them the fact that I had 12 two people that were not gonna be working during the course of that week, and that was the week before, 14 again, I was leaving to go on vacation. 15

So we had a discourse just to let them know that I could either take care of it upon my return or 17 if they needed it to get taken care of, I would refer the employees to contact human resource. 18

And that's what we asked -- they asked me to 20 do was to refer them up to human resources while I was gone.

Q. And how long were you gone?

A. I was gone for about, If I recall, right about 11 days, and it started the following Saturday after that manager's meeting.

working days when she would not be present.

So it was -- the discourse that I would have 3 had with her would have been through a note which would -- or some sort of information.

I might have left in as -- we could do as part of your personal -- we could put a note in on our computer where there's a to-do list that's generated.

So that -- when I say "work on," it's how I would try to contact her since she and I were not working together.

Q. And what was the resolution that you came to with HR?

13 A. HR was gonna attempt to get it taken care of since they would see her and ask her to -- before I would.

By that time, we were, roughly, three to -nearly three weeks past when it was given to the rest of the store. So we were trying to get that, I think, all taken care of.

Q. So when was this conversation? When you had 20 21 this conversation with HR, was this prior to 22 Ms. Nalbandian returning from her leave or after?

23 A. Yes. It would have been upon my return back from vacation. It would have been during the course of that week, probably, a day or two before she came back

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from her leave. 1 Q. This is in line with the question -- the other Q. Now, during the meeting, when you first 2 question as well. learned of the August 2011 Dispute Resolution 3 Were you instructed what to say to any 4 Program -- let's just call it the August meeting. individuals -- any employees who were involved in A. Okay. 5 litigation about the Dispute Resolution Program? Q. Were you instructed what to do if somebody did 6 A. No. 7 not sign the Acknowledgement form? Q. Were you given general talking points of what A. Not that I recall. There weren't -- it wasn't to say to employees as you were handing out the Dispute anything specific. It was just -- it was just ask 9 Resolution Program? 10 for -- to get a signature, and that's pretty much the 10 A. Essentially, what she went over in that extent of the instruction that I remember being given. 11 manager's meeting was just to notify the employees that Q. Were you aware of any impact on the employee it was new information, and it was something that they 13 if they didn't sign the Acknowledgement? 13 could read over, and it was just to sign as 14 A. No. 14 acknowledgement that they had received that 15 15 MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Vague. information. And that was the extent of it. 16 THE WITNESS: Sorry. I'm sorry. No. Not 16 Q. Did you tell the employees in your department 17 17 that I'm -- I wasn't -- yeah. That's not something that signing the Acknowledgement only had the effect of that was discussed or mentioned. 18 showing receipt of the Dispute Resolution Program? 19 19 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: A. Yes. 20 Q. Do you know if any employees were written up 20 Q. Did any of the employees ask you whether 21 for signing to -- for refusing to sign the 21 signing for it had any other impact? 22 Acknowledgement? A. No. 23 23 A. I would only know about my department, and I Q. Did you communicate to them that signing the 24 did not broach that, and no one in my department was. 24 Acknowledgement didn't mean that they were signing an 25 Q. Were you instructed what to do if one of the 25 agreement? Page 18 Page 20 employees in your department requested an opportunity 1 MS. STRAUSS: Can you read that back. 2 to review the Dispute Resolution Program prior to 2 (The record was read by the Court 3 3 signing the Acknowledgement form? Reporter as follows: 4 A. That would -- that would have been fine. I "Q. Did you communicate to them that 5 mean, I allowed at the time -- I think 'cause I had -signing the Acknowledgement didn't mean when Nune and I, finally, worked together that 6 that they were signing an agreement?") 7 7 following week, my understanding from talking to her is THE WITNESS: As far as I understood it, yes. that she had not yet turned it back into human 8 Yes. 9 resources. BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 10 And so I said, "Well, you know, if you need to 10 Q. As far as you understood it -- I'm sorry. I 11 get someone to make it clearer or want to be clear on don't quite understand what yes means. 12 it, you can." We just wanted to get that -- it was 12 What are you saying yes to? 13 13 just some paperwork that needed to get resolved. A. Well, I guess I'm not 100 percent clear on the 14 Q. So did you then end up handing Nune the 14 question, but... 15 Dispute Resolution Program? 15 Q. I can clarify the question --16 A. I had left a copy in her -- she had a personal 16 A. Sure. box there. So she had one available. I did not give 17 Q. -- because I want you to --18 it to her. She had one already 'cause I left it there 18 A. Okay. Please. 19 for her. 19 Q. -- be clear. 20 Q. During the August 2011 meeting, were you 20 A. Okay. 21 instructed regarding the effect of the Dispute 21 Q. So when you told them that signing the 22 Resolution Program on individuals who are involved in 22 Acknowledgement only meant that they were signing 23 litigation? receipt of the actual Dispute Resolution Program, the 24 A. No. We didn't discuss anything of that sort, document, did you also inform them that it did not --25 no. when they signed for the Acknowledgement, it did not Page 19 Page 21

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mean that they were signing an agreement? Dispute Resolution Program was handed out to the other A. I -- I did not consider that. To me I 2 employees in your department; correct? strictly considered it as an acknowledgement of receipt 3 A. Yes. 4 of information. So that's as far as I gave information 4 Q. And upon her return, I think you already to my crew. stated that there was a period where you overlapped, I didn't consider it as an agreement or that you were working as was Ms. Nalbandian. anything further because I -- I didn't consider at the A. She and I weren't working together. She came time any potential litigation. I just considered it as back, I think, on a Wednesday which was -- it was -- we a statement of information from Nordstrom that the crew just had crisscrossed on days that she was working, and needed to acknowledge receipt of. That's as far as I I was not there, and I was working and she was not 11 discussed it with them. there for, I think, the first six days that she was 12 Q. And do you know if any employees gained any back effective working. benefits from the new Dispute Resolution Program? 13 It was either the first five or six days. I'd 14 A. Again, I'd only know of my crew, and no. None have to look, exactly, at the calendar. 15 15 of my crew, no. Q. And so after that period on the sixth day, 16 Q. Did any of your employees that you work with let's say on the day that you guys did, in fact, work 17 receive increased wages because of the Dispute together, did you follow up with Ms. Nalbandian about 18 Resolution Program? 18 the Dispute Resolution Program? 19 A. No. 19 A. Yes. I inquired as to whether or not it had 20 Q. Given any other kind of perks? been taken care of, whether or not she had received it, 21 21 A. No. seen it, signed it, and turned it into human resources. 22 O. No reduction in hours? 22 Q. Now, did you understand that to be your role 23 A. No. 23 and your responsibility to make sure that the employees 24 Q. Were you instructed as to whether or not in your department had signed the Acknowledgement form? employees could make any changes to the Dispute 25 A. Yes. Page 22 Resolution Program? Q. At that time, did Ms. Nalbandian communicate A. No. that she had or had not signed the Acknowledgement 3 Q. Were you -- are you aware if employees could make changes to the Dispute Resolution Program? A. She had received it but -- or she had seen it 5 A. I'm not aware, no. and not signed it yet or not turned it back in. 6 Q. Did any of the employees that you handed the Q. Did she provide you with a reason? Dispute Resolution Program out to make any changes to A. My understanding was she wanted to still -- to the body of the document? get some more information about it. A. Not that I'm aware of, no. Q. Did she ask you any specific questions about 10 Q. Did they indicate any changes on their the new Dispute Resolution Program? 11 signature line? 11 A. No. 12 A. No. 12 Q. Did you instruct her to speak to HR? 13 13 Q. Did anybody in your department refuse to sign A. I did. 14 the Acknowledgement form? Q. Now, if you recall, how many days after you --15 A. No. your first encounter with Ms. Nalbandian, upon her 16 Q. Is Nune Nalbandian in your department? return and upon your return from vacation, do you know 17 A. She is. 17 did Ms. Nalbandian go and speak with HR about the 18 Q. And how long have you worked with 18 Dispute Resolution Program? 19 Ms. Nalbandian? 19 MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Calls for 20 A. Since 2004. I believe it was June. It was 20 speculation. Lacks foundation. 21 prior to our summer sale season. 21 You can answer. 22 Q. That's a long time. 22 THE WITNESS: I would -- yeah. I don't know 23 A. It is. 23 exactly. I believe it was taken care of within, 24 Q. Okay. So you already told us that probably, the next two to three days. If I recall Ms. Nalbandian was on leave during the time that the right -- and, again, I'm estimating on this is -- it Page 23 Page 25

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A. No. Yeah. No, I don't -- I was not -- yeah.

or anything of that sort. If that's what you're asking

Q. Was it an opportunity to show outstanding

A. No. Not that either. It was a daily duty,

that Ms. Nalbandian was involved in litigation?

A. By our human resources department.

A. I became aware of it, yes.

Q. Prior to today's deposition, were you aware

Q. And aside from conversations you had with

Counsel, that you can't disclose, how were you made --

Q. And when were you informed of Ms. Nalbandian's

were you made aware of Ms. Nalbandian's litigation?

A. Looking back on it, it would have been the

17th or 18th, which I believe was a Monday or Tuesday.

A. Just that there was a possibility of a lawsuit

or a lawsuit involved, and that I might have to discuss

things with Counsel and possibly give a deposition.

week of October 17th, I believe. It was either the

Q. And what, specifically, were you told?

turn around the Acknowledgement quickly?

managerial skills if you were to have your employees

2 I didn't feel, like, it was a opportunity for reprimand

- would have been the following -- the following -- early the following week is when she would have got it taken care of with human resources, and it would have been on a day that I was not working. 5 BY MS. SHAMTOUB:
 - Q. Did you -- until Ms. Nalbandian, actually, went up to -- or went into HR to speak with them about the Dispute Resolution Program, did you follow up with her daily about having -- having -- about signing the Acknowledgement?
 - A. I don't recall discussing it with her after that. I -- I recall going to human resources the following week on a day -- it was, probably, again, a day that she and I schedules were opposite.

And I asked and they -- human resources 16 informed me at that time that they had a copy of her (sic) -- and had just acknowledged that she had received it. And that was -- after that, I did not 19 broach the subject with Nune anymore.

- 20 Q. Did Ms. Nalbandian speak to you after she spoke with the HR department about her interactions with the HR department regarding the Dispute Resolution Program?
 - A. Not that I recall, no.
 - Q. Did she inform you that she hadn't signed the

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1 Q. Were you informed about the substance of the 2 lawsuit?

3 A. In general terms that it involved the Dispute Resolution Program and also -- just that it involved 5 Nune.

Q. So just to clarify -- and actually I apologize if you had already answered this.

After Nune spoke with HR, did you ask her whether she had signed the Dispute Resolution Program -- the Acknowledgement to the Dispute Resolution Program?

A. No. I -- once I was informed by HR it had been handled or been resolved, I didn't consider it anymore.

- Q. Were you ever informed by HR that she hadn't signed the Dispute Resolution Program, the Acknowledgement to the Dispute Resolution Program?
- 17 18 A. Yeah. That was -- that was the discussion
 - that we had. Just that they had -- they had acknowledged that she had received it, and that was, essentially, all they were going to need.

Yeah. All they were going to need in terms of my responsibility, the matter was done. I didn't have any further responsibilities in that.

Q. Did anybody else inform you, other than HR,

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- A. She did not, no.
- Q. Prior to Ms. Nalbandian speaking to HR about the Dispute Resolution Program, were you receiving 5 reminders from HR to have Ms. Nalbandian sign the Acknowledgement?
 - A. Not per se, no. It was more -- I had discussed it -- we had discussed it one of those days, again, when we were crisscrossing schedules.

And so this has -- it -- and I had 11 mentioned -- when I discussed it with human resources, I also discussed with my -- whether the other employee had resolved it. They said, yes. That one had, but Nune's we still needed to get it taken care of.

So I think that was the only discussion I had. 16 I wasn't getting daily -- any daily notice or anything of that sort reminding me to get it taken care of. It was just that one discussion, that was that next time 19 when I asked Nune whether it was getting taken care of.

20 And then the following week, when I spoke to 21 human resources, and they said they had acknowledged it 22 from her, and that was -- that was the end of it.

Q. Did you feel that you could get -- it would be 24 a reflection on you if the employees in your department did not sign their Acknowledgement form?

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that Nune, Ms. Nalbandian, hadn't signed the 1 MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Outside the scope. Acknowledgement? 2 You can answer it based on what you know. 3 A. No. 3 THE WITNESS: It -- it depends on the Q. And during your employment with Nordstrom, insurance program, I believe, they're enrolled in. were there any other instances where Nordstrom required I -- there's some human resource issues that I'm not current employees to acknowledge receipt of a change to 100 percent clear on with that. the Dispute Resolution Program? 7 But I know it's based on -- part of their MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Lacks foundation. eligibility on insurance benefits is based upon the Calls for speculation. hours that they work. So full-time employees tend to And you can answer based on what you know. 10 be more accessible to that -- if I understand it -- how 11 THE WITNESS: No. That was -- that's the only 11 the program works correctly. time I recall having to do with a Dispute Resolution 12 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 13 that we had to sign acknowledgement. 13 Q. And do you know how many hours a week is 14 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 14 considered full-time for your department? 15 Q. Okay. And so, as your role of manager, you 15 A. Thirty-five is probably -- would -- I would 16 assign the schedule for the employees that you work 16 consider it to be -- we tend to schedule eight-and-a-17 with; correct? 17 half-hour shifts, but it really -- it fluctuates, but I 18 A. Yes. 18 would -- as a blanket term, I would say 35. 19 Q. And you stated prior that you have four 19 Q. So do the number of hours assigned to your 20 employees that you supervise? 20 employees change per pay period? 21 A. Yes. 21 A. They do. It -- yes. Q. And are all of those employees full-time 22 Q. And how do you determine the number of hours 23 employees? 23 assigned to each employee in your department? 24 A. No. A. I -- on a monthly basis, I'm given -- through 25 Q. How many employees are full-time? our human resources department, store manager -- a Page 30 Page 32 A. Full time -- essentially, if -- to explain it number of hours that is available to the entire to you, it's what their availability is. Three of them department to schedule. From that, I attempt to cover 3 are available as full-time employees. Meaning, that the floor. 4 they are -- would like to work or available to work And when I say "cover the floor," make sure 5 40 hours a week, and the fourth employee is not -there's enough sales people available to assist that's limited employee -- excuse me. There is limited customers, over the course of the month, in a manner I 7 hours available. 7 think would best service the people that might want to 8 Q. How many hours -- sorry for cutting you off. 8 Were you going to continue? 9 Q. And do you do that in conjunction with other 10 A. That's -- I'm sorry. I was trying to think 10 managers? back whether or not I had answered your question. 11 A. No. I do it based on my area specifically. 12 Q. No. You answered. but it -- again, it's -- I schedule based on what --13 A. Okay. 13 the hours that I'm allotted to the department. 14 Q. The fourth employee, who you indicated is not 14 Q. And how are these hours determined? full-time, how many hours have they indicated they're 15 A. My understanding -- human resources/store 16 available to work? manager does it. It's based on business trends. It's 17 A. It's weeknights. During the course of the 17 based on past sales performance the prior year. It's, week, and then weekends. Full availability weeknights 18 usually, based on a three-month trend prior to that as 19 is usually from 5:00 p.m. on. 19 well. 20 Q. So how much -- how many hours a week does that 20 So depending upon what they foresee in terms 21 translate into? of sales events and things coming up, they will 22 A. I -- it would be -- for that individual it's, 22 designate a certain amount of hours available for a 23 probably, somewhere between 25 to 30 hours. 23 department to staff. 24 Q. Now, are full-time employees entitled to Q. And then from that number of hours that you 25 benefits that part-time employees are not entitled to? receive, how do you determine how to distribute those Page 31 Page 33

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1 hours to your employees?
                                                                       that they're doing the job efficiently in all three of
      A. It's -- our schedule is -- we rank our
                                                                       those areas, it's possible, yes. It's just as possible
    schedule. So from in my case, it's from one to four.
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 4 From that I will designate hours based on what is a --
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 5 I work with the sales people, and what is their
                                                                       better job in all three of those areas, they might get
 6 availability.
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         Whereas they may be available full-time, they
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 8 might have preferential days or times that they are --
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         So I would take the top person and work my way
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    down the list in terms of how the employees are ranked,
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12 and then I rank them -- I'm giving you the whole -- the
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         But I rank them based on sales, service, and
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15 teamwork. And so, based on how they are producing in
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16 those three areas and how many hours I have available,
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and then what their availability is, I would then do
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    teamwork would the highest sales overpower the lower
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23 Does higher sales take priority over the service and
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    the teamwork or are they all on the same footing?
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      A. For me, I assess it altogether. I try to be
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 1 consistent in all three of those areas. With one area
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                                                                         Q. And how often do you rank the employees in
 2 is very good, but the other area is not, it will affect
                                                                      your department?
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 3 the overall performance around. So that's why I want
                                                                         A. It's done on a monthly basis. So each time we
 4 all three of those areas to be consistent and strong.
                                                                      do the schedules, they want us to review that.
      Q. And do you give preference to full-time
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    employees over part-time employees when creating your
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                                                                      personally, or is it something that HR has indicated
   schedules?
                                                                      that you have to do?
                                                                         A. I do -- I do it, personally, but they want us
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      Q. So you would, essentially, be open to the idea
                                                                       to consider it on a month-to-month basis.
    of giving a full-time employee less hours than a
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   part-time employee?
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         MS. STRAUSS: Objection. Mischaracterizes the
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                                                                         A. She has requested full-time availability for
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    testimony.
                                                                      full-time hours, yes.
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         You can go ahead.
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                                                                         Q. And I think you stated that you don't think
         THE WITNESS: If -- could you repeat the
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                                                                      she's entitled to a certain number of hours because she
    question back to me just to make sure I'm clear?
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                                                                      is a full-time employee.
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    Sorry.
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                                                                         A. No. I don't recall saying that. She's --
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         MS. STRAUSS: Yes. He can read it back.
                                                                      she's -- she's got some specific scheduling needs, but
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         (The record was read by the Court
                                                                      she's -- would she -- depending upon the time, she's
         Reporter as follows:
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                                                                      available close to full-time hours, so...
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         "Q. So you would, essentially, be open
                                                                            But I guess I'm not sure. "Entitled"? I
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         to the idea of giving a full-time
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                                                                      guess I'm not sure how to -- the intent of entitled in
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         employee less hours than a part-time
                                                                      that question so...
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         employee?")
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                                                                         Q. Thanks for clarifying it, actually.
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         THE WITNESS: If they're doing -- if I feel
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                                                                         A. Okay.
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O. So what restrictions does she have on her don't do a full month pay period. We do a 1st and 2 availability? 15th, and 16th through the end of the month. That's A. She's -- she's got religious observation 3 why I wanted to be clear. 4 during the course of the week on Saturdays. She'd also 4 It's two weeks ahead of the first pay period, 5 like to consider those possibilities, occasionally, on but four weeks ahead of the second pay period. 6 Monday and/or Wednesdays. So I try to adjust the Q. But you developed each -- so the schedules are schedule around those. two-week long schedules; correct? Or are they month Q. So she's, essentially, free any time on long schedules? Sunday, any time on Tuesdays, Thursday and Friday? 9 A. It's -- I give a month's worth of schedule. 10 10 It's broken down --11 11 Q. Are you aware how many hours Ms. Nalbandian is O. Okay. currently assigned? 12 A. -- into two-week periods because that's how we 13 A. This month I'm not. I couldn't give you a 13 do our pay. 14 specific answer, no. 14 Q. So do you disseminate the first two-week 15 Q. How far ahead do you determine the assignment 15 portion of the schedule two weeks prior to the start of for your employees? So let me rephrase that because I 16 that particular pay period? 17 17 don't think it came out quite clear. A. I give the whole month's schedule two weeks 18 18 So per pay period, you develop a new schedule; prior to --19 is that correct? 19 Q. Okay. 20 A. Yes. 20 A. -- the start of the month. 21 21 Q. How far ahead through that pay period do you Q. I see. Okay. 22 22 develop the schedule? A. So half of it is, yes. 23 A. Usually about -- I'll start a schedule roughly 23 Q. So half of it they receive two weeks before. 24 a month ahead of time. So -- and they like us -- human 24 The other half they're receiving, essentially? resources likes for us to post the schedule by the 15th 25 A. Yes. Page 38 Page 40 of the prior month. 1 Q. Okay. Thank you for clarifying. So, like, in this instance, we would, ideally, 2 Do you know how many hours are assigned to post on November 15th for the December schedule. And your department? 4 I'll start writing it, probably, around November 1st. A. It changes on a monthly basis. Again, it's Meaning, I'll have -- start it and roughly give myself, based on business trends. you know, close to 10 days, two weeks to get a schedule 6 Q. Do you know how many hours are assigned this 7 ready so I can post it on the 15th. month? 8 Q. So --8 A. I -- I don't know. 9 A. Essentially, a month ahead of time. That's a MS. STRAUSS: Outside the scope of the longwinded way to get to a month ahead of time. 10 deposition. 11 Q. And do you provide -- by posting, do you mean 11 You can go ahead and answer. 12 you provide the schedules to your employees a month --12 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't recall 13 A. Yes. 13 specifically. I -- it -- it's -- yeah. I don't recall 14 Q. -- prior to? specifically how many was given. 15 A. Well, no. I post it so it's, roughly, two 15 I -- I know that I use as much as they give us weeks prior to the month. So, like, they would get it because they've been scheduling very tight over this 17 November 15th. That's the ideal goal. And so that past eight-month period. So if hours are available, 18 would start December 1st through December 31st. 18 I'm using them. 19 And then I'd do it again, December 15th for 19 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 20 January 1st through the end of the month. 20 Q. Okay. So what's Ms. Nalbandian's ranking? 21 Q. Okay so two weeks before? 21 A. Right now she ranks four out of four. 22 A. Two week before the month begins. 22 Q. And how long has that been her ranking? 23 Q. Okay. 23 A. It's been pretty consistent. My crew has not 24 A. I -- just to clarify that is because when you changed in quite some time. I've -- I've got a very say pay period, pay periods are broken in half. We well established crew, and her position has been Page 39 Page 41

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1 consistent for a number of years. I'd have to go back and teamwork are, equally, significant. 2 to see. It was, probably, when I had more people on 2 Q. So how does Ms. Nalbandian rank in service? 3 3 the crew it may have changed. But since I've had four A. It -- if --4 people on the crew, she's been, consistently, in that 4 MS. STRAUSS: I'm gonna object. It's vague. 5 No. 4 spot. 5 It mischaracterizes the testimony, and I believe Q. How long have you had four people on your -they're all considered together. 7 7 on your team? But you can go ahead. A. I believe -- It, probably, was around 2008, 8 THE WITNESS: If you're asking me how --9 2009, when business trends really got difficult. I 9 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 10 think I may have -- in earlier 2008, I might have had 10 Q. Do you --11 five sales people. I might have had an additional 11 A. Go ahead. 12 person that we just never rehired because business got Q. Before you come out -- before you come out 13 very difficult later in that year. 13 with your total ranking, do you assign a score or a 14 O. Do you know how Ms. Nalbandian ranks in rank to each component that you're taking into 15 Nordstrom overall for her sales? 15 consideration? So a score for the sales, a score for 16 A. I couldn't tell you, specifically. In -- in the service, and the score for the teamwork? 17 17 terms of the -- I guess, if you're asking me for just A. No. I take -- again, it's my assessment, my 18 the store itself -- like, are you asking me just personal assessment. I take all three of those factors 19 Glendale, like, where she ranks there, I can only give 19 into account. 20 20 you an estimate of where that might be. I don't know, Q. So then how do you perceive Ms. Nalbandian's 21 21 service? specifically, where it is. 22 Q. If you feel comfortable giving an estimate, 22 A. If you're asking me in a general term, I feel 23 I'd appreciate that. she's --- she does a very good job. I feel my entire 24 A. Last year she probably ranked overall in her crew does a very good job. I feel the four individuals 25 sales probably somewhere in the top -- in the top 15 to I have working for me are four of the best service Page 42 Page 44 20 in employees. individuals in the store. O. And the other four people in your team? In over 250 employees, I think, I, probably, A. Were -- two of them were in the top ten, and have four out of the top ten overall. And so I feel then the part-time individual was in -- was lower she is -- individually, she does a good job servicing ranked but, probably, in the top 50 in the store. the customers. Q. Okay. Do you take that into consideration, Q. I believe you stated that you didn't know how the fact that the person -- the part-time was ranked many hours were assigned to Ms. Nalbandian within -top 50 in the store? A. I couldn't say specifically for, like, if 9 A. Sure. Absolutely. you're asking me for this pay period. No. I know that 10 Q. But Ms. Nalbandian was topped -- was ranked it's not -- it's -- just from discussions with her, somewhere in between the 15 to 20 percent in the store. 11 11 that she would like more hours. 12 Do you take that into consideration when you 12 So I can't tell you, like, she's working, you 13 determine your ranking within your team? 13 know, 39 and a half hours this pay period. I don't 14 A. Yes. Absolutely, yes. 14 know, specifically, how much it is. 15 Q. And how does that effect your ranking within 15 Q. Do you know if her -- the time that's been 16 your team? 16 assigned to her has stayed consistent throughout, let's 17 A. Again, that's -- that's a part of it. That's 17 say, the past six months? 18 a third of it, and that's -- and to me that's 18 A. It's been -- it's been -- it's been less, and 19 significant. It's -- it's the sales part of it. it's in part because where she ranks on the schedule, 20 And then, again, service and teamwork are the and it's the amount of hours that I have available 21 other two parts that I take into account. 21 given to me. 22 O. So --22 The store has made a conservative effort 23 A. It isn't more significant than the other two 23 across the board in terms of how they designate hours parts, I guess, if you're asking me. It's significant. to us. The scheduling process was different a year It's sales results, but it's -- again, it's -- service ago -- 8, 10, 12 months ago -- where we were allowed, Page 43

| 1 | as managers, to schedule to needs a bit more, and then | 1 | Can you describe what this document |
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| 2 | they would review it at the end of the month. | 2 | represents? |
| 3 | Now they're reviewing it prior, and so I'm not | 3 | A. This is our what we call |
| 4 | getting as many hours that I'm scheduled, and so she | 4 | MS. STRAUSS: And Counsel, just before he |
| 5 | designate human resources, store managers, designate | 5 | gives a description of it, I can't read all of this, |
| 6 | what I can schedule. And so her hours, ranked No. 4 | 6 | but it looks like there's sales volume information on |
| 7 | are less than they were, I'm sure, a year ago at this | 7 | here. |
| 8 | time. | 8 | That would, obviously, be pretty sensitive to |
| 9 | Q. Were her hours decreased after her return from | 9 | the company. So is it possible for us to redact that |
| 10 | disability leave? | 10 | on a version that gets submitted to the court reporter? |
| 11 | A. She would notice that in part because we just | 11 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Yes. |
| 12 | came out of two big sales, and so it's as a whole, | 12 | MS. STRAUSS: So we don't have to do it |
| 13 | the department's hours went down significantly from | 13 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Yes. |
| 14 | where they were. | 14 | MS. STRAUSS: Great. Thank you. |
| 15 | We had our two busiest sales of the summer | 15 | Go ahead. |
| 16 | season during that time, and then from that, when she | 16 | Could you read the question back for him. |
| 17 | returned, our business trends was significantly less. | 17 | (The record was read by the Court |
| 18 | Our sales results weren't as strong as we had | 18 | Reporter as follows: |
| 19 | hoped so the hours designated to me were less. And so | 19 | "Q. Okay. And it's made up of |
| 20 | her what she was, probably, used to, I would | 20 | there's four pages or five pages. So |
| 21 | imagine, was a good deal less. | 21 | please feel free to thumb through all |
| 22 | | 22 | of them. |
| 23 | Q. Were any of the other hours the hours for | 23 | |
| 24 | your other employees, the three other employees, decreased as well? | | Can you describe what this document |
| | | 24 25 | represents?") |
| 25 | A. To some extent, yes. Probably not as much as | 25 | THE WITNESS: This is the department schedule. |
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| 1 | hers. | 1 | BY MS. SHAMTOUB: |
| 2 | Q. And why would hers be decreased the most? | 2 | Q. Okay. And |
| 3 | A. Where she ranks on the schedule. | 3 | A. The form I use. |
| 4 | MS. SHAMTOUB: So I, actually, have a we'll | 4 | Q. To the left side, to the column, under |
| 5 | mark this as an exhibit. | 5 | "September" and then "Date" |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 6 | A. Okay. |
| 7 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Exhibit 1. | 7 | Q on the first page. |
| 8 | (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1 was marked for | 8 | A. Okay. |
| 9 | identification by the Court Reporter, | 9 | Q. The people that are listed, are these the |
| 10 | and a copy is attached hereto.) | 10 | people that are in your department? |
| 11 | BY MS. SHAMTOUB: | 11 | A. They are, yes. |
| 12 | Q. And I'm going to hand you this copy, but if | 12 | Q. And can you identify which of these people is |
| 13 | you could please, at the end, hand it over to the court | 13 | the part-time person? |
| 14 | reporter. | 14 | A. It would be Mike. |
| 15 | A. Sure. | 15 | Q. Okay. So I'll put a little asterisk there. |
| 16 | Q. This may not be the best copy. | 16 | A. Uh-huh. |
| 17 | A. I might need a little help because my eyesight | 17 | Q. Now, if you would please help me out here. |
| 18 | is a little rough. | 18 | A. Sure. |
| 19 | Q. I apologize for that, but if you could help me | 19 | Q. Under each column, third row in each column is |
| 20 | out. | 20 | divided up by VOS and NS; correct? |
| 21 | Do you recognize this document? | 21 | A. It's S is selling time. NS is non-sale, |
| 22 | A. Yes. | 22 | and it's time worked is what that first column is. |
| 23 | Q. Okay. And it's made up of there's four | 23 | It's a scheduling time to work, and I'm I yeah. |
| 24 | pages or five pages. So please feel free to thumb | 24 | I don't know what those initials are. I'm sorry. |
| 25 | through all of them. | 25 | Q. It represents the time |
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A. The time they're scheduled to work. 1 Q. So if you can't make it out, I understand. 2 2 Do you know how much Nune is assigned? 3 3 A. So time scheduled to work, whether it's A. I'm having a tough time reading that too. It selling hours or non-selling hours. That's the three looks, like, maybe, 41 and a half hours. columns as they go over. 5 MS. STRAUSS: Just object that the document Q. So, for instance, if we can take a look at speaks for itself. 7 7 Nune's ---BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 8 A. Okay. Q. And do you know how many hours Adel is 9 Q. -- going across. 9 assigned? Can you take a moment -- and you can take as 10 10 A. I'm having a tough time reading that one. I'm 11 much time as you need -- to calculate how many hours 11 trying to look at it to see because I know he was on a 12 12 were assigned to Nune for this two-week period. little bit of a vacation at the start of it. 13 13 MS. STRAUSS: And object 'cause the document I believe it -- it's at 70, but I'm -- I 14 14 speaks for itself, and there's no way that I could read believe it's 70 hours. 15 15 them to calculate them, but go ahead. Q. And can you tell me how many hours Mike is 16 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It's -- that's what I was assigned? 17 going to say. The total -- it -- obviously, like I 17 A. I can't read that. He's on vacation at the 18 said --18 start of it. My best estimate is probably -- I think 19 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 19 it says 25 and a half hours, but I might be -- that 20 20 Q. There's a total on the side. might be -- I think that's 25 and a half. 21 A. It's on the side. It's on the right-hand side 21 Q. And then Karineh? underneath. So if I could read that correctly --22 A. Karineh looks -- gosh, I can't. 23 Q. You're quicker than I am. 23 MS. STRAUSS: Same objection. The document 24 speaks for itself. I mean, if the witness has an A. That's 54. 25 Q. I didn't see that before. Okay. independent recollection, that's perfectly fine, but Page 50 Page 52 1 So 54 is Nune. Mike is the part-time don't guess if you can't calculate. individual? 2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm just having a 3 A. Uh-huh. 3 difficult time reading it. It looks like Karineh 4 Q. And he's assigned 46; is that correct? worked the most hours that particular pay period. 5 BY MS. SHAMTOUB: 5 A. I believe so. It looks like it says 46 and a 6 half. Q. And then in the lower portion of --7 7 Q. What -- what ranking does Mike have? A. The first page? 8 A. Mike is ranked second to the department. 8 Q. They're consistent on all pages. There's an 9 Q. What ranking does -- Adel? 9 indication of early, mid and late. 10 A. Yeah, Adel. 10 Does that stand for the shift? 11 Q. Adel. 11 A. Exactly, yes. 12 A. He's first in the department. 12 Q. And how do you assign shifts to your 13 Q. And Karineh? 13 employees? 14 14 A. Yeah, Karineh. She's third. A. Based on -- shifts are, usually, assigned 15 Q. Third, okay. So Karineh is given 64 hours? based on availability, and then it's, also, in part on what the need is for that particular day, depending 16 A. In that pay -- particular pay period, yes. It 17 looks like she's at 64. upon if there's an event, a promotion, a sale --18 Q. Can we move over to the next page. something rung during that time. 19 So I would -- you know, depending upon -- if 20 Q. And the rankings, we're assuming, are staying there's a lot of activity, I might have multiple 21 the same? shifts. If there's not much activity, I might have one 22 A. Yeah. It's consistent. or two shifts. 23 Q. And here, if you could just help me, it's Q. Are there particular shifts that are more difficult for me to read. preferable than other shifts? 25 A. Yeah. A. It -- in my perspective -- and especially Page 51 Page 53

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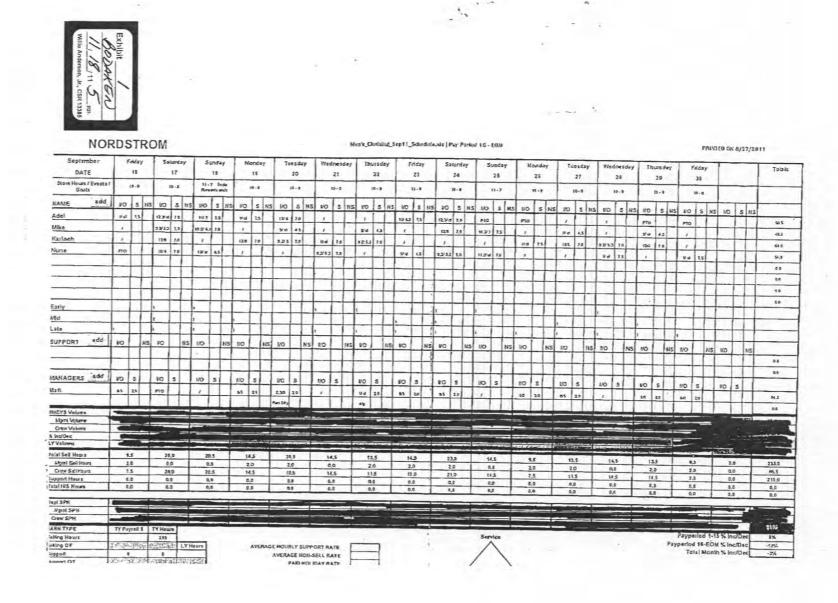
now -- any shift is -- has the ability to be don't remember, specifically, when it was. It was productive. As experienced as the sales crew is, any probably -- she came back the middle of September. The particular shift can be productive. discussion, probably, would have been sometime in Saturday is, usually, the highest foot traffic 4 October. day, if you're asking, but it's, also, the day with 5 I -- I'm sorry. I can't give any specific most of the sales people working. So any benefit you 6 date or anything like that. It would have been gain, you may -- I think you can take just as much sometime in October. 8 Q. And what was the contents of that discussion? benefit if you're the only individual working on that particular day during the week, so... A. It was -- only her request if, you know -- she 10 O. And has Ms. Nalbandian expressed any desire 10 would like to be scheduled for more hours. 11 for any particular shift? 11 Q. Did she express to you, at that time, that, 12 A. Yes. As I mentioned earlier, in part it's due 12 prior to taking leave, she had had more hours? 13 to, you know, some of her religious request in terms of 13 A. No. No, that wasn't any discussion in that 14 14 things. And then if she needed to work on specific regard, no. 15 days or a couple days, certain times that she would 15 Q. Prior to taking disability leave, did she 16 like to work, I try to take that into account. 16 speak to you about making sure that her hours wouldn't 17 Q. So, again, you had, previously, stated that be reduced upon her return from leave? 18 there's specific days that she'd like to work, but 18 A. No. That wasn't -- yeah. That wasn't any --19 within those days, did she indicate any specific shifts I mean, she took the leave to take care of her health, that she would prefer? and so the intent was to take the time she needed to be 21 A. On those particular days, yes. The rest of healthy so that she wouldn't -- when she returned, she the days, she's pretty open in terms of what her would be available to work and not work on a limited 23 availability is. 23 basis. 24 24 Q. I see. So on the days that you indicated Q. Did you ever indicate to her that you think before, the, I think, it was the Mondays and 25 she should find another job? Page 54 Page 56 Wednesdays --A. No. I never, specifically, said to her A. Saturdays. anything to that extent, no. 3 Q. -- and Saturdays, she's available, but only on Q. Have you said something to her not, particular shifts? specifically, to that extent, similar to that, 5 A. Yes. Exactly. conveying that idea? 6 Q. Okay. MS. STRAUSS: Wait. Wait. Objection. Vague 7 A. I just -- I just -- I wanted to try to clarify as to time. Ever, in the whole period she's worked for that. So if I would need to schedule her on one of him? those days, I would try to, as best I can, to BY MS. SHAMTOUB: accommodate her schedule requests. 10 Q. No. In the past six months? 11 Q. But on the other days, she's available A. Past six months, no. No. 12 12 anytime? Q. Upon her return from disability leave, did you 13 A. Correct. ever make any comments to her that would otherwise 14 Q. And she hasn't otherwise indicated a indicate that she shouldn't work at Nordstrom? 15 15 preference for any shift? A. No. No. 16 16 A. Yes, correct. I try to take that -- outside Q. And following Ms. Nalbandian's return from 17 life to me is important. So I try to take that into disability leave, did the HR department speak to you 18 account as much as I can. about any reduction in hours in Ms. Nalbandian -- any 19 Q. Now, following Ms. Nalbandian's return from 19 reduction in Ms. Nalbandian's hours? 20 disability leave and -- did she indicate that her hours 20 A. Nothing specific to Nune, no. 21 were decreased? 21 Q. Did they speak to you regarding any reduction 22 22 A. We had a discussion about it later, not of hours for your employees? 23 immediately upon her return, no. 23 A. As I mentioned prior, we've -- hours have been 24 Q. When did you have this discussion? very stringent in terms of how the schedule was done. 25 A. Yeah. I'm sorry. That's why I hesitated. I And so it was -- I'm -- myself as well as the entire Page 55

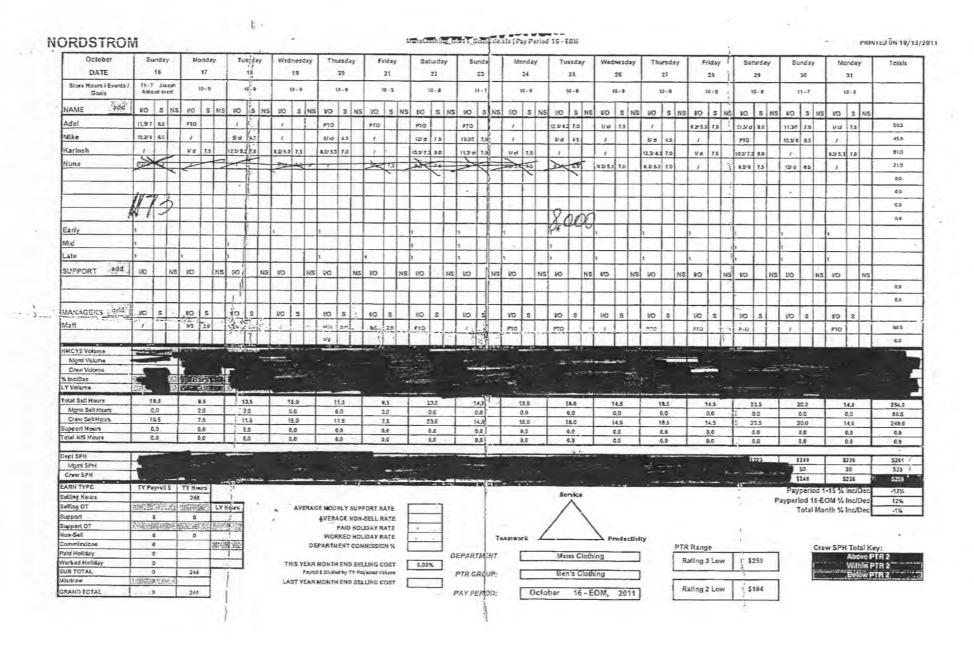
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| 1 | store, is we're scheduling based on trends. And so | 1 | MS. SHAMTOUB: And then stipulate to relieve |
| 2 | hours, for the most part are if your business trend | 2 | the court reporter of their (sic) duty. |
| 3 | if poorer, your hours are less than what they were. | 3 | MS. STRAUSS: With respect to the retention of |
| 4 | So but it wasn't specific to Nune. It | 4 | the original transcript, I do. |
| 5 | wasn't specific to any individual. It was more general | 5 | And if it's, also, possible to redact these |
| 6 | that we are not scheduling as many as we were last | 6 | last numbers at the bottom if you don't need them, I'd |
| 7 | year. | 7 | prefer that too. |
| 8 | Q. So they never told you to increase the hours | 8 | MS. SHAMTOUB: That's not a problem at all. |
| 9 | that were assigned to Nune? | 9 | MS. STRAUSS: So we'll also redact of the |
| 10 | A. No. Increase or decrease, no. | 10 | version of the document that we were just looking at, |
| 11 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Okay. That's all the questions | 11 | the numbers that are at the bottom of the table. |
| 12 | I have for you. If Lara has any follow-up questions | 12 | THE WITNESS: It says "Department SBH." |
| 13 | for you then. | 13 | MS. STRAUSS: "Department SBH." |
| 14 | MS. STRAUSS: I do not have any questions. We | 14 | Thank you, Counsel. And otherwise, so |
| 15 | just would ask to reserve the right to make any changes | 15 | stipulated. |
| 16 | to the deposition transcript. | 16 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Yes. Okay. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 17 | MS. STRAUSS: A copy for everything today, |
| 18 | MS. STRAUSS: And then if we could just | 18 | thanks. |
| 19 | clarify for the record. I don't think you need this, | 19 | (Whereupon, the proceedings recessed at |
| 20 | but the portion that would be redacted would include | 20 | the hour of 3:23 p.m.) |
| 1 | the five lines with all of the numbers in them under | 21 | the hour or 3.23 p.m.) |
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| 22 | THE WITNESS: It's HM it's HMCYS, that's | 22 | |
| 23 | how much can you sell. | 23 | |
| 24 | MS. STRAUSS: Great. | 24 | |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: That's underneath "managers," so | 25 | |
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| 1 | right underneath my name. | 1 | I certify or declare under |
| 2 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Okay. Mr. Bodaken, the | 2 | declaration under penalty of perjury |
| 3 | original of the transcript will be sent to your | 3 | that the foregoing testimony is true |
| 4 | attorney. | 4 | and correct. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 5 | |
| 6 | MS. SHAMTOUB: Your attorney you'll have | 6 | Executed this day of |
| 7 | 15 days to review the transcript. At that time, you | 7 | |
| 8 | could make any of the changes that we spoke of | 8 | 2011, at, |
| 9 | before | 9 | California. |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 10 | |
| 11 | MS. SHAMTOUB: if you think it's necessary. | 11 | |
| 12 | If not, you'll just sign. Your attorney will | 12 | |
| 13 | have five days to notify us of any changes made to the | 13 | |
| 14 | deposition transcript. | 14 | - MARTHEW DODAKEN |
| 15 | If we don't receive notice within five days, | 15 | MATTHEW BODAKEN |
| 16 | then we'll assume that no changes have been made to the | 16 | |
| 17 | transcript, and that the original has been signed by | 17 | |
| 18 | you. | 18 | |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 19 | |
| 20 | MS. SHAMTOUB: The original will be maintained | 20 | |
| 21 | at your attorney's office, who will then produce that | 21 | |
| 22 | at the time of trial. If the original is unavailable | 22 | |
| 23 | or destroyed, then a certified copy could be used in | 23 | |
| 24 | lieu thereof. | 24 | |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 25 | |
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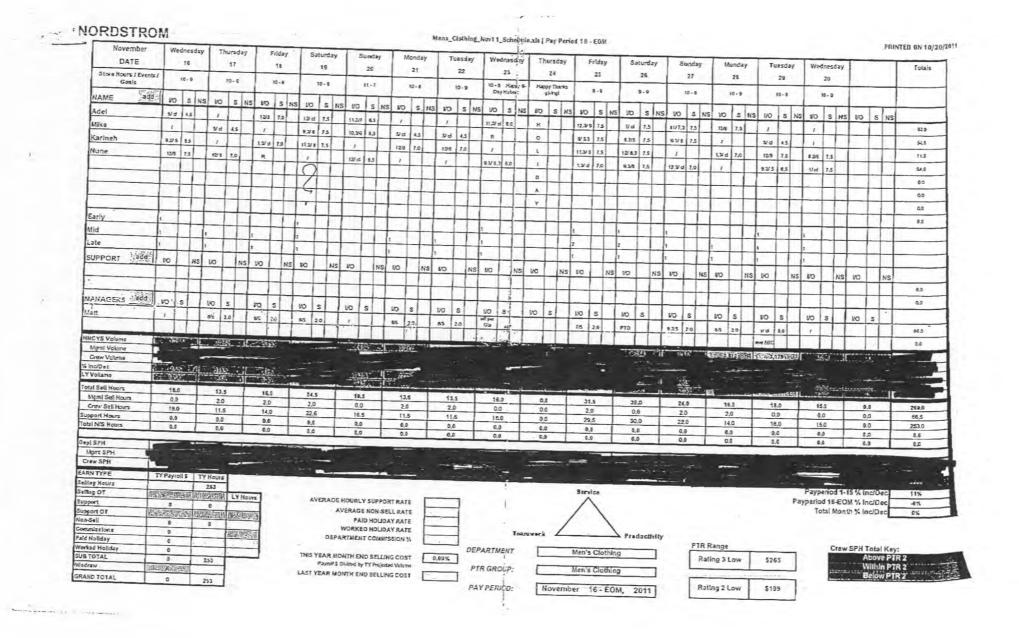
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| 16 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand | |
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